

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Establish  
Policies and Cost Recovery Mechanisms for  
Generation Procurement and Renewable  
Resource Development.

Rulemaking 01-10-024

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING**

This ruling grants Southern California Edison's (Edison) April 5, 2002 request for a one-week extension of time to serve testimony by extending the dates for testimony, hearings, and briefs in the April 2, 2002 adopted procedural schedule by one week. To facilitate parties and the Commission meeting the procedural schedule, this ruling also provides further guidance on the information to be contained in the respondent utilities' procurement plans, the issues to be addressed in direct testimony by interested parties, and a week of additional hearing time to accommodate the scope of issues to be addressed.

Edison requests a one-week extension of time, from April 22 to April 29, 2002, to serve testimony due to the breath and complexity of the issues on which testimony is required. Pursuant to Rule 48(a) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Edison informed all parties on April 3 that it would be seeking this extension and asked for their comments. Edison states the California Power Authority, the Consumers Union, and San Diego Gas and

Electric Company (SDG&E) agreed to its request.<sup>1</sup> The Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) agreed to the request if ORA received an equal extension on serving its testimony and Aglet Consumer Alliance agreed to Edison's request "if the entire procedural schedule thereafter is extended by an equal number of days."

No party has opposed Edison's request. I find it reasonable to grant Edison's request in a manner that provides all parties an equal extension of time, as well as provides additional hearing time to reflect the breath and complexity of the issues to be addressed. No request has been made to extend the April 12 and April 15, 2002 schedule for the filing of briefs on required and additional transition steps and those adopted dates remain unchanged. Therefore, the procedural schedule adopted on April 2, 2002 is amended as follows:

Testimony of respondent utilities served	April 29, 2002
Testimony of interested parties served	May 20, 2002
Rebuttal testimony of all parties served	May 29, 2002
Cross-examination estimates served	May 30, 2002
Proposals for witness order/dates certain served	May 31, 2002
Evidentiary hearings	June 3 - June 17, 2002
Commission Courtroom, State Office Building, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California	

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<sup>1</sup> By letter dated April 8, 2002, SDG&E clarifies that in telling Edison it did not object to its request, SDG&E assumed that Edison was going to request that the deadline be extended for all respondent utilities. Further, SDG&E states that if the April 22 deadline is extended by a week, it does not oppose extending all subsequent deadlines on the procedural schedule by a week.

Opening briefs filed	July 3, 2002
Reply briefs filed	July 17, 2002
Proposed decision mailed	September 10, 2002
Final Commission decision	October 2002

Interested parties who intend to sponsor independent proposals on the issues of supply side cost recovery mechanisms, procurement plan inputs, or renewable purchases/review mechanisms should serve this in their testimony on May 20, 2002. Interested parties may serve testimony that rebuts the utilities' proposals but does not contain independent proposals on May 29, 2002.

In their April 29 procurement plans, Edison, SDG&E, and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) shall include the following detailed information:

**1. 2003 Load Forecasts**

Each utility shall:

- Describe the key underlying assumptions used to produce the load forecasts; and
- Identify the gross load to be served and identify as separate line items in the plan the forecasted effect of PUC-authorized energy efficiency, direct access, and self-generation programs. The effect on the load forecasts of programs authorized by other state agencies, such as the California Power Authority and the California Energy Commission, shall likewise be separately identified in the procurement plan. The effect of these programs on the load forecast shall be netted from the gross load estimate (show the gross and all reductions separately) to arrive at a net-short load forecast against which demand- and supply-side options will be matched.

## 2. Demand-Side Options

As part of the development of demand-side options for meeting net-short needs, the procurement plans shall:

- Separately identify proposed demand-side energy efficiency options (including costs and expected savings) aimed at reducing base load amounts on a long-term basis from demand-side options designed to reduce peak load.
- Describe and separately identify any proposed load management programs (including costs and expected savings) aimed at reducing peak demand on a temporary/emergency basis, e.g., interruptible programs.
- Describe and separately identify any proposed voluntary conservation programs (including costs and expected savings) aimed at changing ratepayer energy use patterns, e.g., "20/20" type programs.

## 3. Procurement Scenarios

Each utility shall:

- Present a base case procurement strategy, as well as a range of other procurement scenarios necessary to account for changes in market conditions, such as variations in hydro conditions (use the applicable standard wet, dry and normal scenarios) and variations in gas prices. (Show gas price forecasts in detail.) Each utility shall explain the assumptions underlying the development of the procurement scenarios.

Therefore, **IT IS RULED** that:

1. Southern California Edison Company's (Edison) April 5, 2002 request for a one-week extension of time to serve its April 22, 2002 testimony is granted in a manner that affords all parties a one-week extension of time and that provides an additional week for hearings.

2. The procedural schedule adopted on April 2, 2002 is amended as set forth above.

3. Interested parties who intend to sponsor independent proposals on the issues of supply side cost recovery mechanisms, procurement plan inputs, or renewable purchases/review mechanisms shall serve this in their testimony on May 20, 2002. Interested parties may serve testimony that rebuts the utilities' proposals but does not contain independent proposals on May 29, 2002.

4. In their April 29, 2002 procurement plans, Edison, San Diego Gas & Electric Company and Pacific Gas and Electric Company shall provide the detailed information specified above in this ruling.

Dated April 10, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ CHRISTINE M. WALWYN

Christine M. Walwyn  
Administrative Law Judge

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record. In addition, service was also performed by electronic mail.

Dated April 10, 2002, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ FANNIE SID

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